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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	06487 USA
First Named Inventor	Zurecki, et al.
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Application Number	
Filing Date	
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING WORK SURFACE DURING  
FORMING AND SHAPING OF MATERIALS**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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OR

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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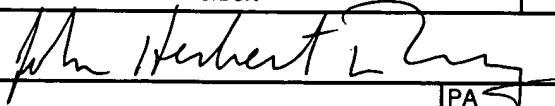
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Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	06487 USA

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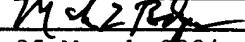
I am the:

Applicant/Inventor.

Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Name	Mark L. Rodgers
Signature	
Date	25 March 2004
Telephone	

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Zurecki, et al.

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: An Apparatus and Method for Improving Work Surface During Forming...

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., a corporation

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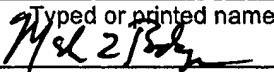
The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

25 March 2004

Date

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